

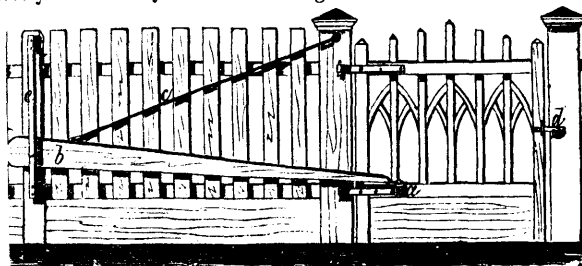
THE ABANDONMENT OF THE CLEOPATRA AT SEA.

In the annexed illustration is represented the scene of the abandonment of the obelisk vessel at sea in the Bay of Biscay during a severe storm. A heavy sea struck the craft, broke some of her rail ballast adrift, and left her with a strong list to starboard. Fearing that another sea would swamp the vessel altogether, her captain signalled for assistance and a boat's crew was sent to her, but the boat and all on board were lost. Further efforts were then made to take the Cleopatra's crew from their perilous position, which in the end proved successful, and the towing steamer "Olga" left the obelisk to its fate.

Within two days' time the "Fitzmaurice," a vessel bound from Middlesborough for Valencia, sighted the wanderer in lat. $44^{\circ} 53' N.$, long. $7^{\circ} 52' W.$, took her in tow and carried her to Ferrol, Spain.

It appears to be a very difficult question to decide where the

obelisk shall be placed, and the advantages and disadvantages of different proposed sites for the Egyptian monolith are being freely discussed by architects in England.



A SELF-ACTING DEVICE FOR SHUTTING GATES.